Things to Do at Fermilab

If you're looking for opportunities to enjoy nature, learn about cutting edge research and have a little fun, Fermilab has you covered. Here's a quick guide to some of what we have to offer.



Welcome to Fermilab, America's national laboratory dedicated to particle physics and accelerator research. The public outdoor areas of our 6,800-acre site are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. from November to March, and from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. the rest of the year. A photo ID is all you need to enter the site. Just tell the guard at the gate the purpose of your visit.

Our exhibit and viewing areas on the 15th floor of Wilson Hall are open Monday–Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Just sign in at the reception desk. While you are in the building, pick up a Visitors Guide and Map with valuable information about the site and its natural areas. You're welcome to hike in public areas, visit our herd of bison, fish in our ponds (with a valid Illinois fishing license) and take photographs.

Lederman Science Center

The Leon Lederman Science Education Center is chock full of hands-on science exhibits for students in grades 5–12. It is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Groups of six or more must book a visit by calling 630-840-8258. Learn more at ed.fnal.gov/lsc.

Guided Tours

Fermilab offers guided tours on most Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., and on some Sundays as part of our Ask-a-Scientist program. Check the calendar on our home page at www.fnal.gov. Tours for groups of 10 or more are available by appointment—call 630-840-5588.

Ask-a-Scientist Program

On the first Sunday afternoon of most months, Fermilab offers visitors a chance to mingle with our scientists, and get a behind-the-scenes look at one of our projects or experiments. Call 630-840-5588 to register.

Arts and Science

Fermilab regularly hosts public events in Ramsey Auditorium, including lectures and arts performances. For a schedule, visit www.fnal.gov/culture. Order tickets by calling 630-840-2787. The Art Gallery in Wilson Hall is open to visitors Monday—Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sign in at the reception desk in the atrium (first floor).

Upcoming Events

For up-to-date information on our education programs, public events and site access, please check the Fermilab home page at www.fnal.gov or subscribe to our monthly community newsletter at www.fnal.gov/pub/science_next_door.

More Information

For additional information on visiting Fermilab, go to www.fnal.gov/pub/visiting or call the Office of Communication at 630-840-3351.







